

REMARKS

The Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the application.

Claims 95-116 are currently pending in the application. Claims 95-109 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,409,453 to Smith ("Smith"). Claims 110-116 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,409,453 to Smith in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,166,487 to Hurley et al ("Hurley").

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

3. Claims 95-109 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,409,453 to Smith.

Applicant has amended independent claims 95 and 109 and has also amended dependent claims 99 & 101.

After considering remarks and rejections by the examiner in this application and after analysis of Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in co-pending application 11/098,280 (copy enclosed) applicant has amended independent claims 95 & 109 and dependent claim 101 to include additional structural limitations defining the locations of the first and second, third and fourth gas directing means. Applicant has amended claim 99 to more clearly claim the oven cavity.

Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejections have therefore been traversed and overcome, and that Claims 95-109 as hereby amended are in condition for allowance and applicant requests that the Examiner allow claims 95-109.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

5. Claims 110-116 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,409,453 to Smith ("Smith") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,166,487 to Hurley et al ("Hurley").

Applicant has amended independent claim 110 and dependent claim 116.

After considering remarks and rejections by the examiner in this application and after analysis of Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in co-pending application 11/098,280 (copy enclosed) applicant has amended independent claim 110 to include additional structural limitations defining the locations of microwave waveguides, and details of arrangement of the oven cavity of the oven. Applicant has amended claim 116 to more clearly claim the oven cavity. Claims 111-116 depend from amended claim 110.

Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejections have therefore been traversed and overcome, and that Claims 110-116 as hereby amended are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

Applicant submits that amendments to claims 95, 101, 109 and 110 traverse examiner's rejections.

Therefore, applicant requests the Examiner to allow claims 95-116.

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